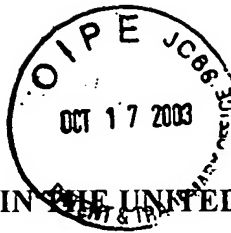


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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time of one (1) month from the original response date of October 8, 2003 for responding in the above-identified patent application. With the extension of time, the period for response now extends up to and includes November 8, 2003. A check for \$110.00 is enclosed herewith.

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